

Submitting requests to the NCHRP Implementation Support Program

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The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) manages practical, applied research that addresses problems identified by practitioners and managers in state departments of transportation (DOTs).

As a part of NCHRP Project 20-44, the NCHRP Implementation Support Program has funding to facilitate implementation of NCHRP research results. NCHRP will procure and manage consultant services to undertake the implementation projects as required by the applicant, and will draw upon a panel of experts to oversee the projects. Applications will be reviewed by NCHRP Panel 20-44.

Frequently Asked Questions

Which NCHRP products are eligible for funding assistance?

Any completed NCHRP research product, as well as products still in development, are eligible for funding assistance. However, the NCHRP Panel 20-44 will ultimately determine if the funding will be provided based on readiness level of the research product, the implementation plan, the likelihood of success, and potential impacts, amongst other factors.

Who is eligible to apply?

Currently, applications can be submitted by members of a current NCHRP panel, state DOT employees, or members of AASHTO Committees and Councils.

What kinds of implementation activities that can I put into my request?

Support is available for a range of activities listed below, but not limited to the ones listed.

- Demonstrations or pilot projects in a host agency;
- Workshops or peer exchanges;
- Training programs;
- Flyers, brochures, or videos for specific target audiences; and
- Briefing materials for senior management

However, activities that are low cost and have high potential for demonstrating implementation impact will be viewed more favorably. Eligible expenses can include essential travel, production of materials, professional services, and meeting costs.

How much can I ask for? And do I have to provide co-funding?

There is no maximum amount for funding requests, and matching funds are not required. The NCHRP Panel 20-44 will look for the appropriateness of the funding requested in relation to the activities planned under the implementation project, as well as the anticipated outcomes and impacts of the project.

When is the deadline for applying?

The Program accepts applications on a rolling basis. Decisions on the applications can take 6 – 8 weeks from time of submission.

What will successful applicants receive?

NCHRP will procure and manage consultant services, on behalf of the applicants, that can help implement NCHRP research results effectively. NCHRP will not transfer funds to the successful applicants, however.

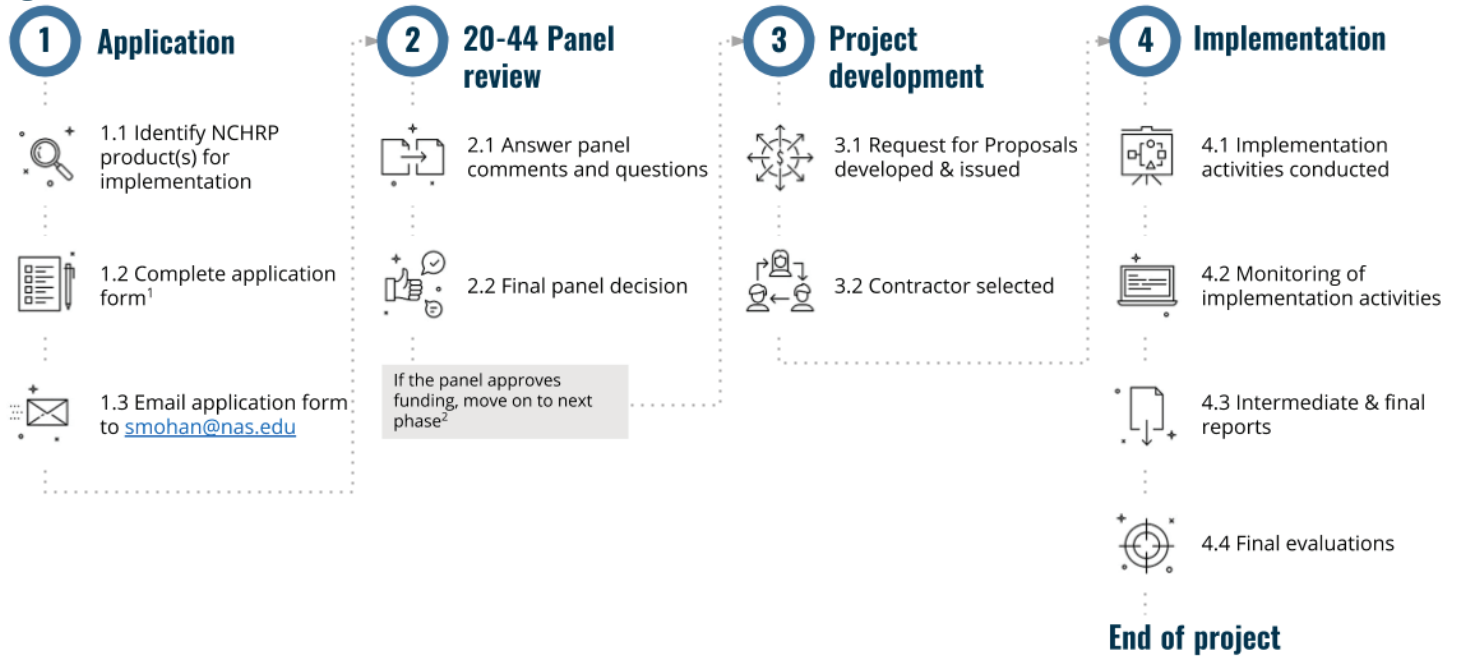
Can my request be used to continue existing research, or carry out new ones?

Unfortunately not. The Program is strictly for implementing research, and if you're interested in continuing your research or starting new ones, there are other programs within NCHRP that you may consider.

Can my organization submit a joint application with another organization?

Only one individual may submit the application, but we welcome and encourage collaboration with other organizations that may have similar needs.

Program Process



1 Application: The Program application form requests information on the proposed implementation project in a form that would enable the 20-44 Panel to make an informed decision. The form must be completed and submitted to smohan@nas.edu.

2 20-44 Panel review: In some cases, the 20-44 Panel will require clarifications on the information presented in the application form, or would request changes to be made to the application. At the end of this stage, the Panel will make its decision on either approving or declining the application, and appropriate information on the decision will be communicated back to the applicant.

3 Project development: If the application is approved, NCHRP will determine how to procure consultant services to undertake the implementation project, including whether to issue a Request for Proposals (RFPs).

4 Implementation: The consultant will carry out the implementation activities as outlined in the application, with oversight by a panel of experts managed by NCHRP staff. The conclusion of the implementation stage will include delivery of final reports on the implementation project, and other deliverables that may be appropriate to enable continued implementation of the research results.

Evaluation Criteria for Applications

Applications are reviewed by the NCHRP 20-44 Panel, members of which are selected from industry, academia, and state and federal transportation agencies to serve as experts on implementation of research. The Panel recognizes that each application is unique, and requires that applications present clear, concise information written in a way that will enable the Panel to make an informed judgment on the application's merits.

For More Information

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